

WEAPON PERMIT IS URGED BY DAIX

Senator Will Introduce Bill Containing Provisions in Legislature

TO RESTRICT SALES

Rotan and Wilson Have Promised Co-operation in Working Out Law

Senator Augustus F. Daix, Jr., will introduce into the Legislature next week his bill to restrict the sale of small firearms in Pennsylvania.

The bill will require persons who purchase pistols, revolvers or any other small weapons to take out a police permit.

The bill is designed to prevent irresponsible persons from obtaining firearms and jeopardizing the lives of citizens. Senator Daix was moved to propose such a measure because of the killing of three persons and the serious injury of five others on January 27 by George Vincent Lembo, a supposedly demented Italian.

District Attorney Rotan and Director Wilson have assured Senator Daix of their co-operation on the measure.

The bill as tentatively drafted by Senator Daix is modeled to some extent after the Sullivan law in New York. It is not quite so drastic as the New York measure, which is embodied in a mass of red tape.

Favors Weapons for Protection
Senator Daix expressed the belief today that with crimes so frequent, no obstructions should be placed in the way of citizens of good character who desire to obtain a revolver for self-protection.

The following letter was sent by the Senator to District Attorney Rotan and Director Wilson:

"I contemplate introducing a bill in the Senate prohibiting the sale of firearms to any person without a permit from the Department of Public Safety. I would like your ideas on the subject and would be pleased to receive any suggestions from you."

Director Wilson immediately replied, saying that he would be pleased to cooperate in drafting the bill. Assistant District Attorney Spaiser called in person on Senator Daix for a conference on the subject.

Mr. Spaiser recommended that the Sullivan law of New York be followed in the proposed bill. Senator Daix, however, decided not to make the bill quite as drastic as the New York law.

The first section of the bill makes it unlawful for any person or corporation to sell, loan or lease or give to any person a pistol, revolver or small firearm without a permit from the Director of Public Safety or the chief or superintendent of any police department.

Left in Safety Hand
A person wishing to purchase a small firearm of any sort must make application to the Director of Public Safety, and it is left to the discretion of that official as to whether or not the applicant is a fit person to have such weapon.

The dealer who sells a weapon must keep a duplicate of the permit for at least two years. The permit is good in the hands of the person purchasing a weapon until revoked.

Violations of the act are punishable by a fine of not more than \$100, or imprisonment of not more than thirty days or both.

Senator Daix expects to submit a tentative draft of the bill today to Director Wilson and District Attorney Rotan for their approval or for any changes which they may suggest.

Two other bills prohibiting the sale of firearms also are expected to reach the Legislature. Representative Neary, of the Seventh Ward, is preparing one, and Representative Patterson, of the Ninth Ward, the other. Neary put in such a bill two years ago, but it was defeated.

Duke of Santo Mauro Dead
Madrid, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—The Duke of Santo Mauro, master of the Queen's Household, is dead, according to an announcement made here.

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The Civic Club, through its municipal art committee, is promoting the planting of trees in honor of men who have served their country in the great war. It is proposed to commemorate not only those who have fallen, but also those whose lives have been spared.

U. OF P. UNIT HOME SOON

Base Hospital in France Virtually Cleared of Wounded
Captain George M. Law, 2823 Locust street, who has returned from service with the University of Pennsylvania Base Hospital No. 29, reported that the personnel of that unit is expected to leave France at an early date. He said its hospital has been virtually cleared of wounded and its return seems to be simply one of transportation.

THREE WILLS PROBATED

Estate of Frederick J. Weppamaier, Jr., Valued at \$27,500
Three wills were probated today. That of Frederick J. Weppamaier who lived at 2528 North Eleventh street, disposed of effects valued at \$27,500. The will of Heine Harbrough, 1143 South Broad street, disposed of property valued at \$2,000. The will of Samuel Goldberg, who died in the Jewish Hospital some weeks ago, disposed of effects valued at \$2,000.

The estate of Cyrus T. Hanner was appraised at \$273,201; that of Henry Matera at \$11,505; that of Rebecca Paxter at \$1,929,182.

EXPECT ARREST IN GRAFT CASE

Complainant Against Patrolmen Says Trick Kept Him From Trial

MET "FRIEND" IN HALL

Negro Says He Was Advised to Leave Town and Money Was Promised

An arrest may be made today as a result of the story told Superintendent of Police Robinson by Sydney Pugh, a negro, who says he was duped into staying away from the hearing yesterday of Patrolmen John Wirtzhafter and John Stevenson before the police board of inquiry.

Wirtzhafter was one of the five patrolmen convicted at West Chester of conspiracy to violate the Sherman act and conspiracy to prevent a free and fair election. The charges resulted from the Fifth Ward primary disorders of September, 1917.

The patrolmen were ordered for trial, because, it was alleged, they had "shaken down" Pugh for \$50 after trying to trump up a larceny charge against him.

Pugh's Explanation
Pugh failed to appear yesterday when the case was called before the police board of inquiry. Later he gave the following account of his absence:

"Last Tuesday I was given a card by Captain McCoach and told to go on the second floor of the City Hall at 10 o'clock today. When I left the elevator a few minutes ahead of time this morning I was accosted by a colored man I had never seen before. He told me he was a friend of mine and would protect me. He took the card Captain McCoach gave me and said I should come with him to meet a friend."

NEW TRANSIT LEASE CONFERENCE TOPIC

Mayor, Twining and Connelly to Discuss Subject on Monday

Plans for a new transit lease will be discussed at a conference of Mayor Smith, Director Twining and City Solicitor Connelly at the former's office on Monday.

The Mayor, after he had notified the other municipal officials to be on hand on that date, when the entire matter of rapid transit will be discussed.

The Mayor said he felt confident that some form of lease would finally be evolved that would be satisfactory to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and the Public Service Commission.

RECEPTION TO SERB ENVOY

Emergency Aid Will Entertain Balkan Minister and Wife

Slavko Grouitch, Serbian minister at Washington, and Mrs. Grouitch will be honor guests and speakers at a reception given by the Serbian committee of the Emergency Aid in the Bellevue-Stratford this evening.

Mr. Grouitch was sent to this country last year. He has served many years as charge d'affaires. He spent three years in Russia and seven in England in this capacity. During the first years of the war he gained great insight into philanthropic work in Serbia because all doctors and nurses sent there passed through his department. He and Mrs. Grouitch will tell of present conditions in their country.

MURDERER STILL FREE

No Arrest in Slaying of George Wilson After Forty-eight Hours

After forty-eight hours, no arrests have yet been made in the case of George Wilson, who was mysteriously shot the night before last while coming out of a saloon at Second and Mantion streets.

Though several detectives are working on the case they have been unable to find any clue which might lead to the apprehension of the murderer.

One theory discussed is that the person doing the shooting may have mistaken Wilson for an enemy.

Two Held as Auto Thieves
Charles Lyons, South Forty-second street, and William Shinn, South Fifteenth street, were held in \$500 bail today by Magistrate Harris on a charge of stealing an automobile belonging to William Howell, of Collingsdale. The car was abandoned at Forty-ninth street and Paschal avenue.

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